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Arizona

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 5,130,632 (2000 Census); 3,665,228 (1990 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 63.8% white; 2.9% black/African American; 4.5% American Indian/Alaskan Native; 1.7% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 1.5% two or more races; 25.3% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)

Politics

- Governor: Jane Dee Hull²
- Attorney General: Janet Napolitano³
- Secretary of State: Betsey Bayless⁴
- U.S. Senators: Jon Kyl (R), John McCain (R)⁵
- U.S. Representatives (District): Jeff Flake (1), Ed Pastor (2), Bob Stump (3), John B. Shadegg (4), Jim Kolbe (5), J.D. Hayworth (6)⁶

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁷
The Arizona Partnership was designated in 1990 as part of the Southwest Border HIDTA. This region has hundreds of miles of largely unsecured international border. The Arizona Partnership is responsible for the following Arizona counties: Cochise, Maricopa, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, and Yuma.

Federal Funding

- Drug Free Communities Support Program grantees in Arizona:⁸
 - FY 2002:
 - \$100,000 to the Tucson/Pima County Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention, Tucson
 - \$100,000 to the East Valley Addiction Council, Mesa
 - FY 2001:
 - \$99,962 to Citizen's Against Substance Abuse/Flagstaff Governor's Alliance, Flagstaff
 - \$100,000 to the Luz Academy/Southside Coalition, Tucson
 - \$100,000 to Parents Anonymous of Arizona, Tucson
 - \$100,000 to Scottsdale Prevention Institute/LINKS Community Collaborative, Scottsdale
 - \$100,000 to the Wheel Council/Hamilton Storytelling for Empowerment Coalition, Phoenix
 - \$99,634 to Williams Governor's Alliance, Williams
 - FY 2000:
 - \$100,000 to Gilbert Citizens Action Network, Gilbert
 - \$100,000 to the American Indian Prevention Coalition, Phoenix

- \$99,656 to the Central Yavapai Coalition for Substance Abuse Education and Prevention, Prescott
- FY 1999:
 - \$100,000 to the Arizona/Mexico Border Health Foundation, Tucson
 - \$100,000 to the Pinal Hispanic Council, Eloy
- FY 1998:
 - \$19,016 to the Mayor's Alliance Against Gangs and Drugs, Glendale
 - \$100,000 to Luz Social Services, Tucson
 - \$100,000 to the Pima Prevention Partnership, Tucson
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹

Seven sites have received Federal funding and been officially recognized as Weed and Seed sites in Arizona: Capitol Mall, Flagstaff, Phoenix (2), South Tucson, Westside Tucson, and Winslow.
- FY 2001/02 SAMHSA Formula and Discretionary Grant Allotments Summary:¹⁰
 - Formula Funding: \$35,937,173
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$28,117,057
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$6,801,524
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$568,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$450,592
 - Discretionary Funding: \$17,836,392
 - Mental Health - \$6,686,706
 - Substance Prevention - \$5,240,055
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$5,909,631
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$14,506,822
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$39,266,743
 - Total Funds for Arizona: \$53,773,565
- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Arizona: \$8,766,474.¹¹
- FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant amounts received in Arizona:¹²
 - \$30,000 to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Indian Tribe (planning grant)
 - \$426,742 to the Superior Court of Arizona Family Court Administration in Phoenix (implementation grant)
 - \$30,000 to the San Carlos Apache/San Carlos Tribal Court (planning grant)
- FY 2001 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Arizona: \$1,187,876.¹³
- Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grants awarded to Arizona during FY 2001:¹⁴
 - \$125,000 to the Hartford Apartments, Chandler
 - \$125,000 to Coronado Courts Limited Partnership, Douglas
 - \$123,419 to Casa Mesa Estates, Mesa
 - \$123,711 to Fillmore Apartments, Phoenix
 - \$124,968 to Casa Madrid Apartments, Phoenix
 - \$123,800 to Broadway House Apartments, Phoenix
 - \$124,722 to Paradise Shadows Apartments, Phoenix
 - \$124,250 to Greenview Apartments, Tucson

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2000, there were 57,226 people arrested for drug abuse violations in Arizona.¹⁵

Number of Arrests, Selected Offenses, Arizona, 2000

Offense	Juveniles	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	16	214
Forcible rape	20	215
Robbery	277	1,425
Aggravated assault	1,273	6,333
Burglary	1,819	4,390
Larceny-theft	8,664	29,041
Motor vehicle theft	1,107	3,658
Arson	181	270
Drug abuse violations	9,634	57,226
Driving under the influence	472	32,033
Liquor laws	5,617	25,900

- Preliminary data for adult male arrestees in Phoenix indicate that 68.7% of the arrestees tested for drugs from January to September 2001 tested positive.¹⁶
- From January to September 2000, 63% of adult male arrestees in Phoenix tested positive for drugs at the time of arrest.¹⁷

Percent of Adult Male Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, Phoenix, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Any drug	63%	68.7%
Cocaine	31	27.5
Opiates	6	5.8
Marijuana	33	39.4
Methamphetamine	17	25.0

- In Phoenix during 1999, 59.6% of adult male arrestees and 40.0% of adult female arrestees who tested positive for drug use committed violent crimes.¹⁸

Percent Positive for Drugs, By Offense Category, Phoenix, 1999

Offense Category	Cocaine		Marijuana		Meth.		PCP		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	27.2	20.0	33.8	20.0	14.3	8.6	2.1	0.0	59.6	40.0
Property	39.4	44.1	33.1	26.3	16.7	14.4	1.4	0.8	69.1	66.9
Drug	44.0	55.2	47.0	32.8	30.7	34.5	1.2	0.0	86.1	87.9
Prostitution	33.3	80.0	66.7	26.7	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.7	83.3	93.3
Other	28.6	36.2	38.6	25.4	16.9	17.5	1.7	4.5	63.5	64.4

- Preliminary data for adult male arrestees in Tucson indicate that 62.4% of the arrestees tested for drugs from January to September 2001 tested positive.¹⁹
- From January to September 2000, 69% of adult male arrestees in Tucson tested positive for drugs at the time of arrest.²⁰

Percent of Adult Male Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, Tucson, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Any drug	69%	62.4%
Cocaine	40	36.1
Opiates	9	7.0
Marijuana	7	41.2
Methamphetamine	46	5.3

- In Tucson during 1999, 68.0% of adult male arrestees and 58.0% of adult female arrestees tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrest. 88.4% of the males arrested for drug violations tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrest.²¹

Percent Positive for Drugs, By Offense Category, Tucson, 1999

Offense Category	Cocaine		Marijuana		Meth.		PCP		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	33.1	24.0	44.5	17.4	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	64.0	41.3
Property	43.7	46.6	36.9	29.3	5.3	15.5	0.0	1.7	68.0	69.0
Drug	57.0	74.1	59.9	28.2	9.2	16.5	0.0	0.0	88.4	84.7
Prostitution	50.0	57.1	50.0	57.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	74.4
Other	41.3	46.0	46.6	24.7	6.4	8.7	0.0	0.7	70.3	61.3

Juveniles

- In 1999, 49.5% of Arizona public high school students reported that they had used marijuana in their lifetime.²²

Percent of Students Reporting that They Ever Used Drugs in their Lives, 1999

Substance	Elementary	Middle	High
Cigarettes	16.3%	41.0%	62.6%
Alcohol	24.4	50.7	77.6
Marijuana	6.3	24.1	49.5
Cocaine	3.5	7.1	14.2
Meth/Amphetamines	3.0	7.0	12.6
Depressants	2.3	6.9	9.6
Inhalants	8.9	19.8	21.1
Hallucinogens	2.2	7.6	18.6
Narcotics	3.1	6.9	10.2
Steroids	2.7	6.4	4.1

- During 1999, approximately 56% of male juvenile detainees in Tucson and approximately 69% of male juvenile detainees in Phoenix tested positive for drugs.²³

Percent of Juvenile Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, 1999

	Sex	Phoenix	Tucson
Any Drug	Males	68.5%	55.8%
	Females	45.5	41.0
Cocaine	Males	15.9	11.6
	Females	9.1	16.9
Marijuana	Males	62.2	53.1
	Females	39.8	36.1
Opiates	Males	2.4	0.7
	Females	1.1	1.2
Methamphetamine	Males	5.6	0.7
	Females	8.0	2.4
PCP	Males	2.1	0.0
	Females	0.0	0.0
Multiple Drugs	Males	18.5	9.9
	Females	11.4	14.5

Drugs

➤ Cocaine

Throughout the metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson, crack cocaine remains popular and easily attainable.²⁴

➤ Heroin/Morphine

Both Mexican black tar heroin and brown powder heroin are encountered in Arizona.²⁵

➤ Marijuana

Marijuana remains readily available and is considered the most widely used illegal drug throughout the state.²⁶

➤ Club Drugs and Raves

Results from an August 2001 survey administered to members of the Arizona Narcotics Officers Association, which is made up of State, tribal, and Federal police officers, indicate that:

- 80% perceived their jurisdictions have a problem with club drugs;
- 78% said club drug cases have been investigated in their jurisdiction;
- 83% believed the current laws dealing with club drugs are not effective;
- 18% have used a Federal law to prosecute club drug cases.

Some Arizona detectives believe MDMA is replacing cocaine among younger users. MDMA has also recently been found and used more often in schools and raves. The majority of Arizona raves are held in or near metropolitan areas with between five and thirty raves held each week throughout the state. The raves are often promoted on the many Web sites that advertise Arizona raves.²⁷

➤ Methamphetamine

With less complex methods of production, the proliferation of clandestine laboratories and the increase of production of methamphetamine have become problems in Arizona.²⁸ Methamphetamine, the drug of choice among poor working

class whites and Hispanics, is readily available in both crude brown powder Mexican methamphetamine and the more pure ice or glass methamphetamine.²⁹

➤ Other Drugs

Hydrocodone, oxycodone, and benzodiazepine products continue to comprise the majority of prescription drugs abused in Arizona. Organized groups in Arizona are beginning to use computer-generated prescriptions to obtain OxyContin for both personal abuse and distribution for profit.³⁰

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2000, there were 18,023 full-time law enforcement employees in Arizona. 10,434 of these employees were officers and the remainder were civilians.³¹

Full-time Law Enforcement Employees, Arizona, 2000

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Civilians</u>	
Male	Female	Male	Female
9,330	1,104	3,334	4,255

- Examples of HIDTA Initiatives in Arizona:³²
- Border Anti-Narcotics Network: This task force, which covers approximately 8,000 square miles and 150 miles of international border, operates in the following areas: Tohono O’odham Nation Reservation; the Organ Pipe National Park; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuges; and all adjacent land between Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties.
 - Southern Arizona Border Unit: This initiative, made up of six multi-agency task forces in Tucson, Sierra Vista, Nogales, and Yuma, targets key command and control elements of the major drug trafficking organizations operating in southern Arizona.
- Arizona Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Bureau³³
This Bureau provides drug enforcement services statewide through participation in 23 multi-agency task forces. The Narcotics Enforcement Bureau is organized into three districts: the Northern Narcotics District in Flagstaff; the Central Narcotics District in Phoenix; and the Southern Narcotics District in Tucson.
- Joint Drug Intelligence Group (JDIG)³⁴
This multi-agency drug intelligence task force is compiled of investigators and analysts whose purpose is to pro-actively collect, evaluate, collate, analyze, and disseminate detailed and relevant source information concerning drug trafficking organizations.
- Arizona Drug Apprehension Projects³⁵
During FY 2001, there were sixteen drug apprehension projects located throughout Arizona’s fifteen counties. These projects consisted of sixteen multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency drug task forces.

Trafficking and Seizures

- Arizona’s 370-mile border with Mexico consists of sparsely populated areas, vast expanses of rugged mountainous terrain aligned in north-south corridors, and broad valleys and deserts providing unlimited opportunities for drug-related activity.³⁶

- The Arizona HIDTA Partnership region has six U.S. Customs land ports of entry (three major ports), six international airports, and a transportation infrastructure that is exploited by drug traffickers.³⁷
- The smuggling of multi-ton quantities of cocaine and marijuana are major problems in Arizona.³⁸
- In 2001, there were 2,960 cultivated marijuana plants eradicated in Arizona as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.³⁹

Marijuana Eradicated and Seized, Arizona, 2001

Type of Marijuana	Amount
Outdoor – plots eradicated	28
Outdoor – cultivated plants eradicated	2,810
Indoor – grows seized	10
Indoor – plants eradicated	150
Total cultivated plants eradicated	2,960
Bulk processed marijuana	23 pounds
Ditchweed eradicated	29

- More than 3,000 kilograms of cocaine were seized by Federal agencies in Arizona during 2001.⁴⁰

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Arizona, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	3,345.7 kilograms
Heroin	7.9 kgs.
Methamphetamine	168.6 kgs.
Marijuana	218,877.8 kgs.

- There were 320 methamphetamine laboratories seized in Arizona by DEA and state and local authorities in 2001.⁴¹

Number of Methamphetamine Labs Seized, Arizona, 1996-2001

Year	Labs Seized
1996	72
1997	116
1998	227
1999	380
2000	389
2001	320

- During FY 2001, activities of the sixteen drug apprehension projects throughout Arizona resulted in the seizure of 160,507 pounds of marijuana. This is up 18.85% from the 135,046 pounds seized through the efforts of these projects during FY 2000.⁴²

Amount of Drugs Seized, Drug Apprehension Projects, Arizona, FY 2000-2001

Drug Type	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Marijuana	135,046	160,507	+18.85%
Cocaine	1,803.49	2,031.98	+12.68
Methamphetamine/amphetamine	183.47	167.54	-8.7

- Arizona's sixteen drug apprehension projects also seized drug traffickers' non-drug assets worth a gross estimated value of \$11,104,274 during FY 2001.⁴³

Courts

- Drug Courts
 - A Phoenix drug court, which opened in 1992, was among the first in the country to be implemented.⁴⁴
 - As of June 6, 2002, there were 27 drug courts in Arizona being planned or already in existence.⁴⁵
- During FY 2001, 28.3% of the defendants in Arizona who were sentenced for a Federal offense had committed a drug offense. Marijuana was involved in 671 (76.3%) of the drug cases.⁴⁶

Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, Arizona, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	Number of offenders	Percent of all drug offenses
Marijuana	671	76.3%
Powder cocaine	87105	11.9
Methamphetamine	5663	7.2
Crack cocaine	2718	2.0
Heroin	1515	1.7
Other	98	0.9

- Drug Prosecution Projects⁴⁷
During FY 2001, there were fifteen drug prosecution projects located throughout thirteen of Arizona's fifteen counties. These projects consisted of full-time drug prosecutors. As a result of the drug prosecution projects' efforts, a total of 12,672 drug violators were convicted in Arizona during FY 2001. This is a 9.3% increase over FY 2000 (11,597 convictions). Approximately 65% of the FY 2001 cases were felony convictions.

Corrections

- On June 30, 2002, there were 29,273 inmates within the Arizona Department of Corrections. Of the inmates, 1,474 committed drug possession offenses and 3,958 committed drug dealing offenses.⁴⁸
- The Department of Corrections operates drug treatment programs in many of the correctional facilities throughout Arizona. For example, in the Tucson Winchester facility, there are 405 beds available for treatment.⁴⁹

Number of Department of Corrections Treatment Beds, by Facility

Facility	# of Beds
Tucson Winchester	405
Perryville Santa Cruz	192
Eyman Cook	240
Marana Community Corrections Treatment Facility	450
State Prison Complex/Douglas Papago DUI Unit	325
Phoenix West	400
Florence West	400
Southern Arizona Correctional Release/Genesis Treatment Program	16

- The number of adults on probation in Arizona increased 5.5% in 2001, from 59,810 on January 1 to 63,082 on December 31.⁵⁰
- The adult parole population in Arizona increased 1.8% in 2001, from 3,474 on January 1 to 3,536 on December 31.⁵¹

Consequences of Use

- During 2001, there were 10,084 drug-related episodes reported by emergency departments (ED) in Phoenix.⁵²
- Cocaine was mentioned 1,752 times in the ED episodes.⁵³

Drug-Related ED Episodes and Mentions, Phoenix, 1998-2001

Drug Type	1998	1999	2000	2001
Drug Episodes	7,058	8,291	9,072	10,084
Drug Mentions	12,285	14,044	15,428	17,805
Alcohol-in-comb.	2,168	1,915	2,303	2,627
Cocaine	1,486	1,877	1,775	1,752
Heroin	873	839	841	777
Marijuana	727	1,028	1,073	1,284
Amphetamines	362	519	661	888
Methamphetamine	446	341	600	604
MDMA	2	20	76	96
Ketamine	--	4	14	4
LSD	99	156	135	62
PCP	46	39	47	61
Misc. hallucinogens	3	71	53	25
GHB	2	17	16	19
Inhalants	8	14	7	4
Combination NTA*	9	6	7	7

* NTA = Not Tabulated Above

- During 2000, 587 drug abuse deaths were reported to the Drug Abuse Warning Network by medical examiners in Phoenix/Maricopa County. Cocaine was mentioned in 213 of the deaths.⁵⁴

Number of ME Drug Mentions, Selected Drugs, Phoenix/Maricopa County, 1997-2000

	1997	1998	1999	2000
Alcohol in combination	73	159	259	236
Amphetamines	17	47	72	78
Antidepressants	96	135	223	242
Benzodiazepines	50	90	95	104
Club drugs	--	--	6	6
Cocaine	98	174	236	213
Hallucinogens	--	1	1	4
Heroin/Morphine	108	177	177	181
Inhalants	3	2	7	1
Marijuana	--	--	3	8
Methamphetamine	34	60	94	109
Narcotic analgesics	110	200	291	318
Other analgesics	12	23	15	26
Total drug mentions	792	1,364	1,963	1,978
Total drug abuse deaths	240	389	561	587

Treatment

- During 2000, approximately 13,500 people were admitted to treatment in Arizona.⁵⁵

Number of Treatment Admissions, Arizona, 2000

Drug Type	Number	Percent of total
Alcohol only	4,271	31.5%
Heroin	380	2.8
Other opiates	50	0.4
Cocaine – smoked	286	2.1
Cocaine – other route	268	2.0
Marijuana/hashish	790	5.8
Amphetamine	614	4.5
Other stimulants	97	0.7
PCP	6	0.0
Hallucinogens	6	0.0
Tranquilizers	6	0.0
Sedatives	2	0.0
Inhalants	5	0.0
Other/none specified	6,773	50

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